

In re)	CASE NO. 01-43263-BKC-RAM
)	through 01-43269-BKC-RAM
UNITED PETROLEUM GROUP, INC.,)	CHAPTER 11
et al.,)	
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Debtors.)	
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THE H.T. HACKNEY CO.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	ADV. NO. 03-1540-BKC-RAM-A
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REWJB GAS INVESTMENTS, n/k/a)	
UNITED C-STORE HOLDINGS, LLP, et)	
al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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- (1) Dismissal of the debtor defendants after removal did not oust this court of the jurisdiction it had when the case was removed. While post-removal events do not affect the Court's subject matter jurisdiction, the Court must consider whether the current status of the case mandates abstention.
- (2) The defenses raised in the case will require interpretation of the Chapter 11 plan, including the scope of the releases in the plan. However, the analysis for purposes of mandatory abstention is not whether defenses may require interpretation of a Chapter 11 plan or confirmation order. Rather, the Court's focus is to determine whether the outcome of the claims asserted against these non-debtor third parties will have any effect on the administration of these Chapter 11 cases.